

OUR NEIGHBOURS.

EDMONTON.

The Bulletin.

Three cents a pound is being paid for freight from Calgary.

Best sells at 10c a pound by the carcase or side and fresh pork from 10c to 12c.

Those who complain that we at Edmonton are too far north should remember that Edmonton is in the latitude of Liverpool England, and five degrees, or 350 miles further south than the mainland of Norway. It is further south than any part of Scotland, Denmark, Norway, or Sweden, the greater part of Russia in Europe and nearly the whole of Siberia; while England, Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Prussia, and parts of France and Austria, with nearly the whole of Russia are north of latitude 40.

At LAC LA BICHE.

The printing establishment at the Roman Catholic mission is kept busy printing religious books in the different Indian languages. The printing is in admirable character. The books are illustrated with engravings, done by Rev. Pere Girouard, and the printing and binding by his lordship Bishop Paré. Woollen manufactures are also carried on in the mission, principally of shawls and gloves. The wool is brought in from Canada and St. Albert.

Parmanian, pure white in color, and common to the prairie chickens, are plentiful. Their presence has been commonly understood to mean a severe winter, as their favorite haunts are in the barren grounds of the Arctic and around Hudson's bay. But in opposition to this theory the bears had not gone into winter quarters on the 1st of December. As a consequence the hunt of bear skins, usually large in the fall, amounting to some hundreds of skins, has been very small.

Gold in the Saskatchewan.

It is a well known fact the bed of the Saskatchewan contains a rich deposit of gold dust. This has been worked by miners and settlers here for the past twenty years and has been a considerable source of profit to them and of service to the district. Mining is still, though not so profitably, carried on, the average wages being from four to six dollars a month. Until now mining has chiefly been confined to the river bars at low water, but Mr. Jerome Boudreau, of New Brunswick, who spent last season here, by means of tunnels excavated into the dale, or what is naturally supposed to have been the original bed of the river, and discovered that the sediments there contained as rich deposits as the new bars. His experiments have shown that the yield was from one dollar and forty cents to two dollars and fifty cents per cubic yard. Having ascertained and convinced himself of these facts he left here last month for Winnipeg with the intention of purchasing machinery to operate next spring on a large scale. The point which he was experimenting was known as Pointe Pelee, and was known by the old miners as a long time past to be very rich. Indeed they have taken out a great deal of the pay dirt for a few feet into the ground, but the wet nature of the ground prevents them from continuing the work by hand. With suitable machinery there is no doubt that the large deposits of pay gravel there existing could be excavated at a very handsome profit. Besides at the place mentioned there are many other similar and richer deposits on the river, which have not been worked at all, that being worked chiefly because it was close to settlement.

A maiden's blanch, in its proper place, under proper circumstances, is one of the happiest efforts of nature. Damsels there are, however, who cannot blanch; we are bound to believe it, though our own experience would emphatically negative the assertion. The simplest formula for testing one of those exceptional cases has been given by an expert. Get possession of the young lady immediately after introduction; bring her to a snug berth under lee of the wind, curtains, or, if possible, a plant of Xanthoxylon Antiquorum. Repeat a hymn to her. Talk of the South Sea. Then, with fire in your eyes, exclaim, "Fly with me, my heart's adored!" We have understood that this process brings a blanch to the cheek, and if it be capable of reddening — and giving winning softness to the tone, as the maiden leads you forth and rears all subsequent questions to the kismet.

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Rabbits.

Rabbits, which are so very numerous here, have begun to die in hundreds of disease, and the Indians have ceased hunting them, as they say some of their number who were living on rabbits have become sick. On being examined the only sign of disease shown by the rabbits is black blood around the heart. It is a well known fact that every seven years in this country rabbits become more and more plentiful until, in the 7th year, when the country is nearly over-run by them they begin to die off in thousands, and in two years there are almost none. In the third year following the commencement of the disease they begin to increase and continue to do so for three years more, when they again die off. Next, and not this year, is the one in which, according to this calculation, they are due to die, and Lac la Biche is the only place in which they are dying. At Whitefish Lake they are so numerous that they have actually destroyed the Indians' hay stacks having eaten around and through them to the base, while at Edmonton they are so numerous as to make shooting them no sport. The disease of which they died six years ago was a swelling in the neck — Edmonton Bulletin.

The Eskimos of the North.

"Little Crow" and "Long Nose" rode in the other day to the Garrison House from the Indian Reserve, fifteen miles South of Saskatoon, on the banks of the Saskatchewan, and had a long interview with Mr. J. W. Powers, J. P., Editor of the Sentinel.

After the customary cordial greetings had been gone through, Mr. Powers invited the noble pair of Eskimos to lunch themselves at home, which they did in good homely St. Louis style. The following is a free translation of the interview:—

Mr. Powers:—You belong to White's band, do you not?

Little Crow:—Yes.

An arrow to have heard of the death of his son, Whitecap came from Dakota, did he not, about twenty-five or thirty years ago?

Yes, Whitecap's son "Iron Shield" (Wahwah-Chunk-Mazza) died last night Whitecap came "on Dakota thirty-four years ago."

What is the strength of your Reserve, Little Crow?

In summer time, there are about a hundred of us; now we have got about twenty "bucks" and, say sixty squaws and papooses.

Where is the balance of the hundred?

Up the river, chiefly between this and the Elbow, hunting and trapping. They look for the wolf, fox, badger, skunk, mink, rabbit, etc. We remain on home cutting wood hauling rails, logs, &c.

Are not deer plentiful in the vicinity of your reserve?

Yes, we have lots of deer in the sand hills. Since the heavy snow set in we have shot sixteen.

How are you employed in the summer?

Chiefly in agriculture. We have got five ploughs, five harrows and three yokes of oxen got by Whitecap at Carleton some five or six years ago.

The Geography of the Petrie.

Of what is the surface of the earth composed?

Of corner lots, mighty poor roads, railroad tracks, base ball grounds, and fields and skating rinks.

What portion of the globe is water?

About three-fourths. Sometimes they add a little gin and a measure to it.

What is a town?

A town is a considerable collection of houses and inhabitants, with four or five men who "run the party" and lend money at 15 per cent interest.

What is a city?

A city is an incorporated town, with a mayor, who believes the whole world shakes when he happens to fall flat on a cross-walk. What is commerce?

Borrowing \$5 for a day or two, and lending the lender for a year or two.

Name the different races.

Home-ree, hot-race, bicycle-ree and racing around to find a man to induce your note.

Into how many classes is mankind divided?

Six—being enlightened, civilized, half-civilized, savage, too utter, not worth a cent, and Indian agents.

What nations are called enlightened?

Those which have the most wars and the worst laws, and produce the worst criminals.

How many nations has the earth?

That's according to how you mix your drinks and which way you go home.

What is the earth's axis?

The lines passing between New York and San Francisco.

What causes day and night?

Day is caused by night getting tired out.

Night is caused by everybody taking the street-cars and going home to supper.

What is a map?

A map is a drawing to show the jury where Smith stood when Jones gave him a hit under the eye.

What is a mariner's compass?

A jug holding four gallons.

A Squaw's Dog.

The best authenticated of all the stories of squaw dog has been made public this week. Mr. Arthur E. Leslie, secretary to the Charing-Cross Hospital, writes to the Times of Wednesday to say that at 10:30 on Sunday night a rough terrier barked outside the door of the hospital till he was let in. When admitted he limped in, squatted on the mat, and held up an injured forepaw.

The house-surgeon came, whereupon the dog followed him at once across the hall to the accident room, jumped at once, when invited to do so, on the chair, and again held out the injured paw. It was dressed, when the dog licked the hand of the surgeon and loudly barked its gratitude till it had to be turned out, showing great reluctance to leave.

Mr. Bellamy, the house-surgeon, confirms this statement, and adds that on Thursday the dog came like any other out-patient to have his paw dressed. It is not known to whom the dog belonged.

Nearly ten thousand American cattle were last year thrown from Atlantic steamships into the ocean on account of exhaustion or injury.

Scarcely a day passes that a sudden death is not reported from Montreal. On Monday Mr. Roach Dugal, chemist, was cut off almost in a moment, and a middle aged woman going home from market yesterday with her Christmas turkey in her hand dropped dead in the street.

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